(RE: PROBATION TESTING PROCEDURES AND THE CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY)

NOW ON THIS 25th day of March 2020, this matter comes before the judges of the District Court of the Second Judicial District on the Court's own motion to determine procedures to be utilized with regard to the office of probation's testing procedures during the current state of emergency. Being fully advised in the premises, and in an effort to maintain judicial operations and access to the court system, while mitigating exposure to, and the spread of COVID-19, the Court finds and orders as follows:

On March 12, 2020, Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael G. Heavican issued an administrative order regarding procedures to be followed in Nebraska's trial and appellate courts in response to the public health emergency caused by the novel coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States is a national emergency. That same day, Governor Pete Ricketts declared that a state of emergency exists within the State of Nebraska as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Since Nebraska's first reported case, community transmission of COVID-19 has occurred within the State of Nebraska and will likely spread statewide. In response to this disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human (NEDHHS)



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services have established guidelines to reduce the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

In conformity with the Chief Justice's administrative order, the federal and state emergency declarations, and the guidance from the CDC and the NEDHHS, court procedures as it relates to the office of probation's testing procedures in the Second Judicial District should be modified.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, effective immediately, and until further order of the Court:

 In addition to testing of probationers by blood, breath, or urine, the office of probation is also authorized to utilize the PharmChek sweat patch to test for prohibited substances at its discretion.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of March 2020.

BY THE COURT:

Nathan Cox, Presiding Judge